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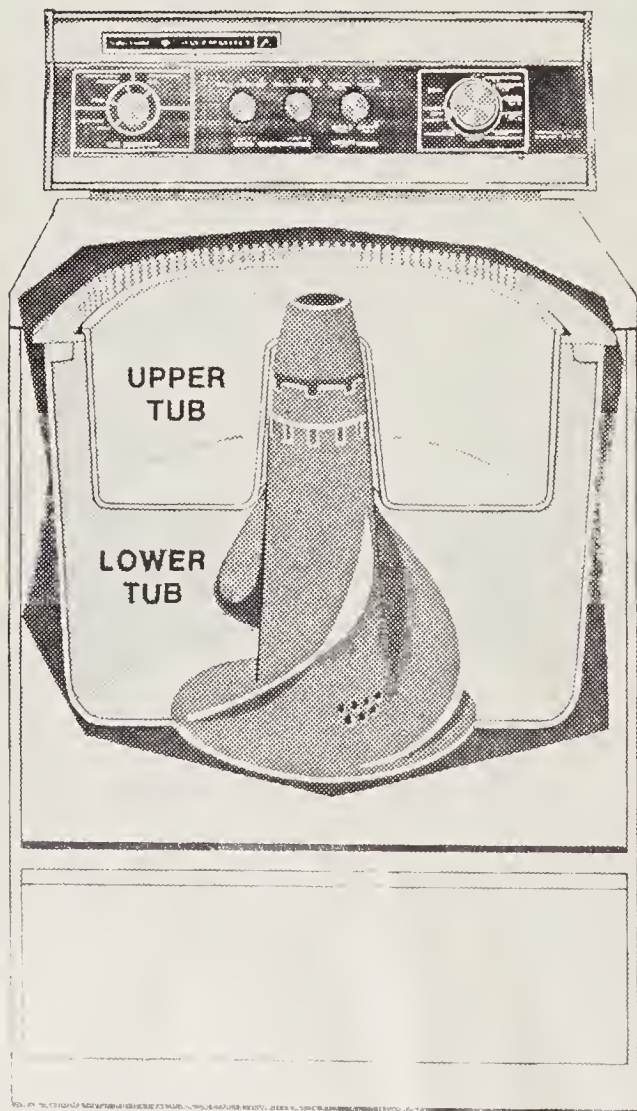
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We Can and We Must

We hope the State Utilities Commission's order in the Central EMC-Carolina Power & Light Co. case wasn't intended to fix a pattern for all territorial assignments.

We hope not because the order, if broadly implemented, could limit North Carolina's electric cooperatives in their programs to promote rural development and if this happens all North Carolina and all North Carolinians would suffer economically.

The economic problems besetting North Carolina—the decline of agricultural employment, the outmigration of displaced farm workers and tenants and, worse, the outmigration of young people moving to seek greater opportunities—demand the concerted action of all of us. And because the locally-owned, locally-managed electric membership corporations are best acquainted with the local aspects of these problems in their service areas, they should be encouraged, rather than restrained, in their efforts to attract industries and expand service for industrial prospects.

Industrial witnesses brought in by the power company testified during hearings in the Central case that large industries preferred to be served by power companies and would not locate in the area if they had to take service from an electric co-op. Our investigations do not support such a sweeping indictment of industrial leadership.

A check across the nation established (as reported in an October feature) that many large industries in many states are satisfactorily operating with co-op power. Moreover, 410 "large" and more than 10,000 "smaller" industries important to our state are served by co-ops in North Carolina.

Checking with State REA Chairman Gwyn B. Price, we learned North Carolina's electric cooperatives are making possible commercial and industrial payrolls totaling nearly half a billion dollars a year in the rural areas they serve. Mr. Price is not given to concocting exaggerations. He was deliberately conservative, using official figures on employment and payrolls of EMC-firms as filed with those State agencies which deal directly with business and industrial employers.

We can't believe industry is prejudiced against our electric membership corporations. We can't believe the many electric co-op people working with other local leaders to promote industries and better payrolls for rural North Carolina are second class citizens because they represent co-op power.

If rural North Carolina is to develop to its fullest, our electric co-ops must be free to give area development their fullest attention.

We can serve industry. We are serving industries. And we must be free to grow in service to help all North Carolina grow.

—Jim Chaney

COVER—The new Welcome Center built by the State on I-85 near Wise and served by Holifox EMC is one of the first of the hospitality houses North Carolina has provided for highway travelers. Completely air conditioned, well-furnished and attractively situated, the center is one of the ways North Carolina bids for a greater share of the ever-growing travel industry.

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Since Farms Are Fewer Why Vo-Ag?

It wasn't long ago that many rural youngsters stayed "down on the farm." But things have changed. The number of farms has decreased considerably, and fewer and fewer high school graduates return to the farm.

Why, then, should North Carolina public schools continue to teach agricultural education? Is there any need for it?

"The answer to that question is similar to the argument that we don't need many airplane pilots," says V. B. Hairr, state supervisor of agricultural education in the State Department of Public Instruction. "It's true we don't need many pilots, but I understand about 120 people are required to put one plane in the air."

Considering the fact that five out of ten of the employed people in North Carolina work in agriculture, the supervisor's analogy is not far-fetched.

"It's true that the number of farms is decreasing," he says, "but the number of people serving farmers before and after crops are produced has greatly increased."

In other words, the number of farm-related occupations has increased. These are so-called "off-farm agricultural occupations."

Thus, the *need* for agricultural education is still present. The question is: "What kind of education?"

"The agricultural education program has changed to meet the needs of the students," says Hairr, who taught vocational agriculture at Jamesville for 20 years.

No longer do students spend four years getting only a brief glimpse at the many facets of farm production. It's no longer a matter of merely identifying seeds and shop tools, of learning a little about electric wiring and tractor motors, or of having a few pigs or acres of corn as your "project."



Many girls as well as boys now are taking agriculture courses in North Carolina.

In keeping with this age of technology and specialization, agricultural education has become more specialized since 1964.

"During the students' freshman and sophomore years," Hairr says, "they take what we refer to as 'Exploratory Courses.' During these two years, students have the opportunity to explore the whole realm of agriculture by exposing them to job opportunities and the requirements for success in each area."

By the students' junior year, they decide which particular area of agriculture they wish to pursue—if any—and enter the "Preparatory Specialized Option Courses."

"During the third and fourth years, we encourage occupational work experience," says Hairr. "Students are given a chance to apply what they have learned."

For example, students might spend some time in a feed mill, a farm machinery business, or a FCX store to actually observe agricultural occupations.

Although the education is characterized by specialization, it is none the less flexible. "We try to offer students training in a cluster of closely connected occupations rather than in a specific occupation," Hairr explains.

Reflecting the many off-farm occupations related to agriculture is the fact (Hairr notes) that "68 percent of the third and fourth year agricultural students in North Carolina are enrolled in courses to prepare them for off-farm occupations."

Thus, the agricultural education program has changed to meet the needs of students in a changing society. And there are other changes, too.

Girls now sit in agricultural classrooms—they did not before the program was changed in 1964. In fact, nearly 1500 girls were enrolled in agricultural courses during the 1967-1968 school year—a 60 percent increase over the preceding year.

"By broadening our program we opened up opportunities for girls to receive training in off-farm agricultural occupations in which women are employed," explains Hairr.

Most of the girls take courses in horticulture to prepare them for work as florists, or for work in greenhouses and nurseries.

So, is there any need for agricultural education in North Carolina's public schools today? Hairr believes an emphatic "Yes" is the answer.

Fewer farms doesn't mean less farm acreage. Farms are merely bigger now—and as such—farming has become "big business." In fact, the average farm in North Carolina today represents a greater investment than non-farm business.

Prospective farmers and off-farm agricultural workers need more training today than ever before because of the complexity of the business based on new technologies.

As V. B. Hairr says, "Many people fail to realize that agriculture is *more* than farming."

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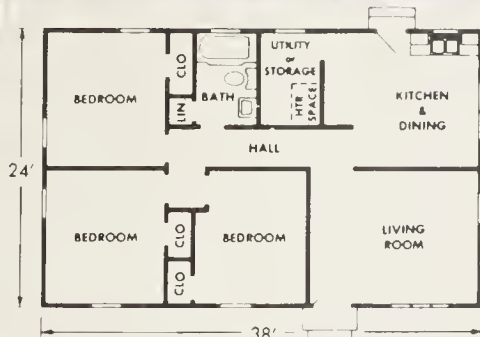
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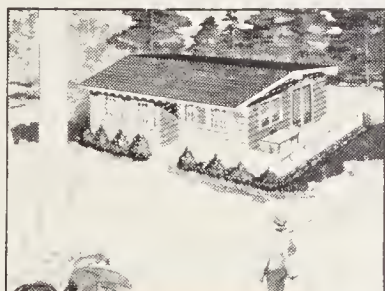
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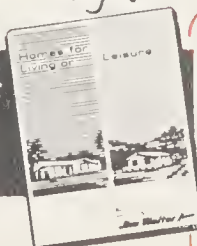
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By C.B. Sonneborn

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development can be one of the best friends a small town ever had.

Some towns in North Carolina already have received its help. Many other North Carolina communities could qualify under the HUD program.

HUD, while often labeled a big city agency, is actually deeply involved in the development efforts of the nation's smaller communities. While the problems of mushrooming metropolitan areas are naturally of continuing concern in HUD's mission of community assistance, the job does not begin and end there.

Accordingly, the Department's programs are administered with these items in mind:

- Small, as well as large, communities should benefit from federal programs that aid development.
- Small rural communities have bright opportunities today for new directions of growth.
- Community development is of critical importance and small communities must be helped to participate fully in the nation's future growth.

Charles M. Haar, assistant secretary for metropolitan development, voiced HUD's awareness of rural and small town problems when he said recently, "All too often, smaller population areas have stagnated and declined when foresight and planning would have identified ways of creating viable and expanding communities." Haar stressed the impact this kind of planning could

have on the economy of rural areas.

Accordingly, a special office for liaison with small communities recently was created within the Office of Metropolitan Development to serve as direct contact between HUD and the small town. Through this office small communities are becoming aware of the many HUD programs that are specifically geared to their needs.

In North Carolina several communities have been taking advantage of HUD help. Granite Quarry in Rowan County has benefited from two HUD programs. Last February, Granite Quarry received both a \$108,700 water and sewer facilities grant and a \$375,000 public facilities loan. This tandem grant and loan has helped to resolve what Granite Quarry authorities described as a serious health problem.

Many of the town's septic tanks were faulty, pouring waste into roadside ditches and streams. Wells in the adjoining community of White Rock became contaminated. The \$561,800 project made possible by HUD's loan and grant will not only remedy the situation, but will also enable Granite Quarry to supply water to the White Rock area.

Local public bodies and agencies can apply for HUD grants for basic water and sewer facilities. The project must be planned in terms of future growth and be consistent with planning for area-wide water or sewer facilities. It must be in keeping with other comprehensively planned development for the area. HUD seeks to promote orderly community growth and regards these requirements as a necessary part of such development.

This water and sewer program provides 50 percent grants. More than 83 percent of grants approved over the life of the program have been in communities of under 50,000 population. In the last fiscal year, \$81 million of a total of \$103 million went to communities under 50,000 with \$31 million of that going to communities under 10,000 population.

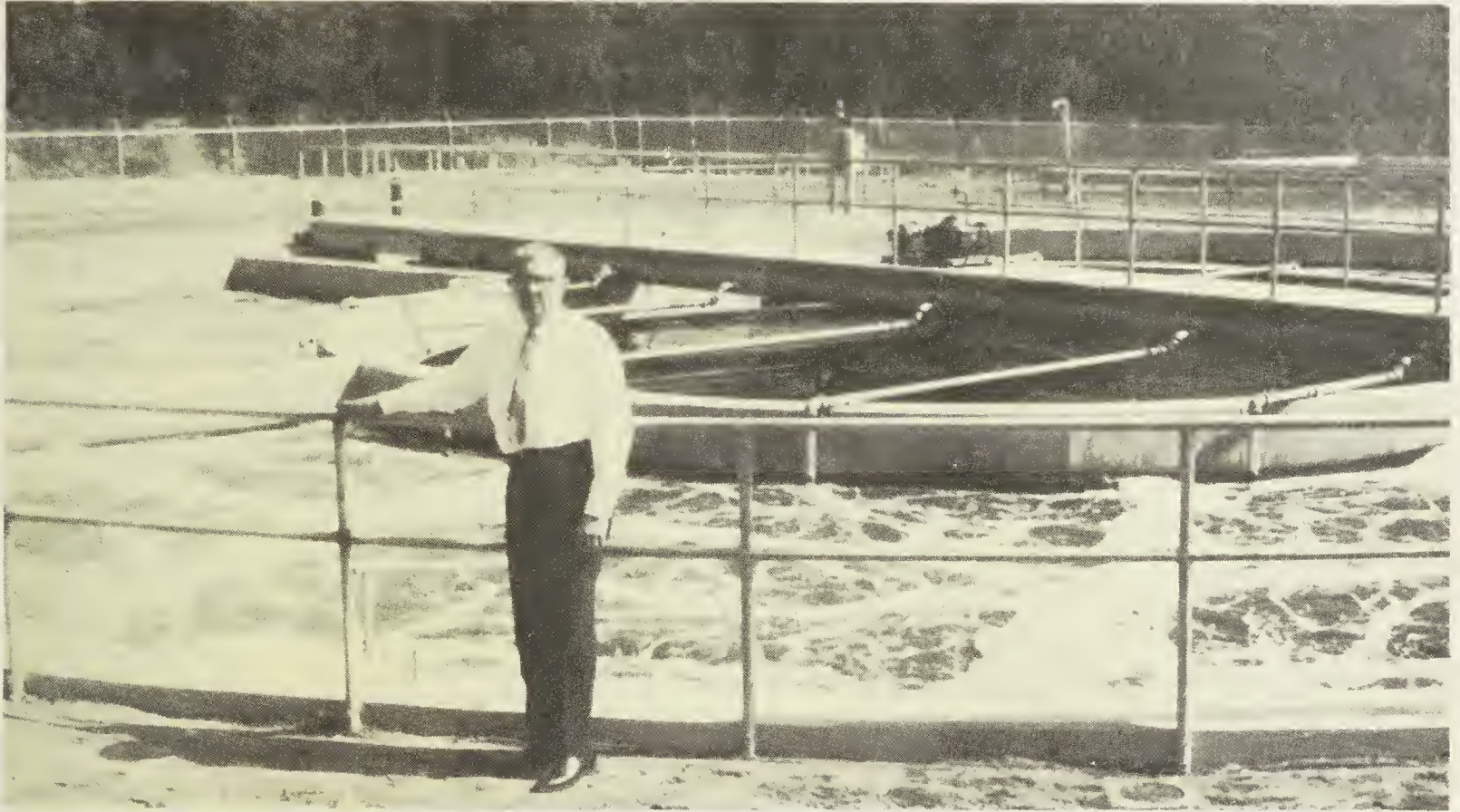
Local units of government or state instrumentalities may apply for public facility loans. If there is no public body capable of constructing and operating the facilities, then the municipality may form a private, non-profit corporation for sewer and water facilities. As the HUD program generally requires that the population be under 50,000, it is particularly well suited to the needs of smaller communities. Moreover when a small community borrows money, it often must pay higher interest rates than a larger community. HUD, aware of this, favors small communities in its selections. Ninety four percent of the projects assisted under this program have been in communities under 10,000 population.

Aberdeen in Moore County used a \$310,000 public facility loan to help build a new sewage treatment facility to correct stream pollution and public nuisance problems. Local officials report that the program, begun in February of 1967, has helped to alleviate a bad situation caused by an ineffective waste treatment plant which had been discharging inadequately treated sewage into nearby Aberdeen Creek.

The Public Facilities Loan Program is not restricted to water and sewer projects. It also provides long-term, low-interest loans for the construction of a wide range of essential public works such as hospitals, municipal buildings and electric systems, streets and bridges.

Yet another HUD program which provides advances for public works planning has sparked new growth in many small communities, helped to encourage new industry and served to improve the environment.

It is unrealistic to assume that rural America will be able to hold its population unless and until it provides meaningful opportunities and adequate public facilities and services. Employers look for decent and available housing, modern health facilities, pleasant park and recreation areas, a good public library, a plentiful supply of power and water and other municipal services. But any worthy project requires planning and



Aberdeen's Water Plant Engineer Charles Wimbely shows off new disposal plant his municipality got with HUD help.

planning costs money. The Public Works Planning Program, under which interest-free advances are made for the engineering and design of a wide range of essential public works, has stimulated many communities to develop or improve their public facilities.

HUD approved a \$46,000 Public Works Planning advance for Sanford in Lee County in February, 1967 to plan improvements and additions to water and sewer facilities. As in the case of Aberdeen and Granite Quarry, the present system is inadequate and endangers public health by polluting local streams. Now that the proper planning has been done, construction of the \$5 million Sanford project can begin.

About 90 percent of HUD's planning advances have been made to communities under 50,000. More than 60 percent of these approvals have, in fact, been secured by communities of under 10,000 population.

Federal funds can smooth the way, but all these programs really depend upon local interest and determination. As Haar has stated, "The planning would actually be under the policy direction of district planning agencies that would be responsive to local officials."

The nation's smaller communities also participate in HUD's Open Space Land and Urban Beautification programs. They are equally enthusiastic with our model cities, housing and renewal assistance and mortgage credit programs.

Recently, HUD modified requirements for a Workable Program for Community Improvement for communities of 10,000 persons or less. This modification will remove some of the burden placed on the limited resources of small communities, thus enabling them to participate more fully in urban renewal and public housing.

Urban renewal and public housing are often thought of as big city programs. Yet, almost one half of the urban renewal projects and about one third of the public housing units have been in cities of under 50,000 population. Over 50 percent of the cities participating in the Federal Urban Renewal program have populations of less than 25,000; more than 80 percent of the cities in the public housing programs are in that size category.

In his Message on Agriculture, President Johnson directed HUD to insure that the Rent Supplement Program have "maximum

impact in rural as well as urban areas." At the time of his directive, HUD already had 66 rent supplement projects in 27 states completed, under construction or in process, located in rural communities with populations of under 5,500.

HUD's new Urban Information and Technical Assistance Program will enable smaller cities and towns to improve the quality of community life by improving the quality of local government through positive commitments to their development problems.

All these programs and HUD's responsiveness are set in motion at the local level. A local or state government or a responsible local body must take the initiative by contacting HUD and filing an application to participate.

HUD's regional office serving North Carolina is in Atlanta, Ga., in the Peachtree-Seventh Building. The zip code is 30323. This office will provide information about federal programs that can help promote small town growth and development—a HUD activity that is often overlooked.

(Charles B. Sonneborn is Special Assistant for Small Communities in HUD's Office of Metropolitan Development, Washington, D.C.)



Artist's rendering of North Carolina Welcome Center served by Halifax EMC on Interstate 85 near the Virginia Line.

Welcome centers like the Hospitality House served by Halifax EMC of Enfield show that North Carolina is truly a hospitable state. Travelers stopping at the Center, near Wise on I-85, can get travel information, brochures and maps of tourist attractions in the state, picnic, or simply rest.

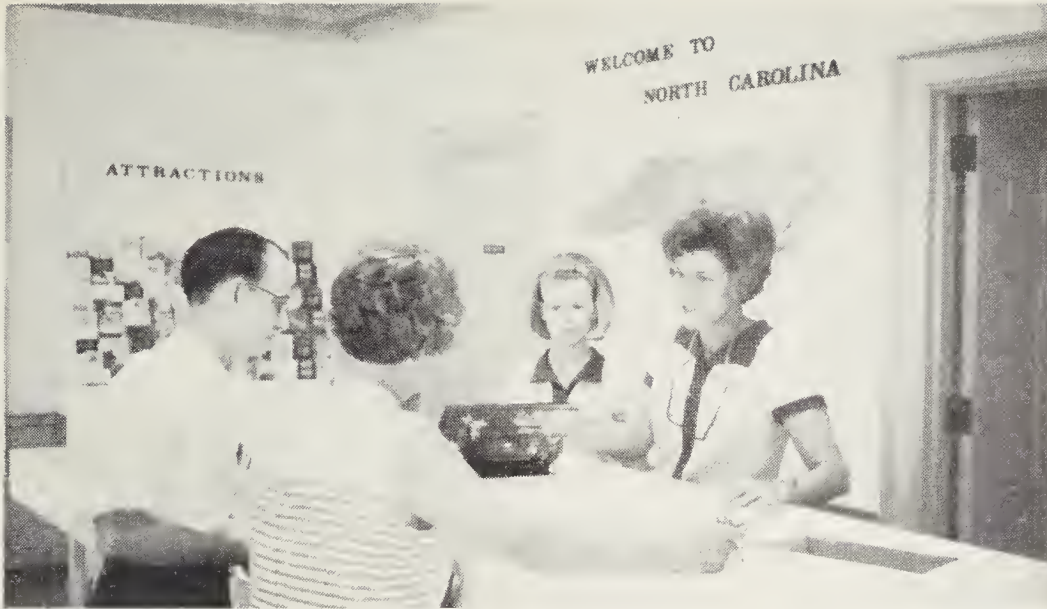
The centers—another center is located on I-95 near Weldon—are intended to invite visitors to spend more of their time and money in North Carolina. In 1967 the travel industry contributed nearly \$650 billion to the state's economy. The two centers cost a total of \$167,500 to build. Five additional centers are being requested of the 1969 General Assembly. (Photos by James Ellen and Ed Brown, Jr.)



Welcome Center hostesses (left to right) include Sondro Perkinsan, Rachel Petty, Linda Fleming, and Alexis Porker.



Mrs. C. C. Smith of Chesopeek, Va. picks up a brochure on "History Land" before continuing her trip to Greensboro.



Mr. and Mrs. Don Pierce of Westmont, N. J., on their way to San Antonio, Texas, and then back through the North Carolina mountains, get some travel information.



Mrs. J. R. Beacham and children, Jim and Missy, rest and look through a brochure showing North Carolina's "Vacation Variety Land" before returning to Athens, Ga.



The Wilfred Gauld family and relatives from Albany, New York, take advantage of a shaded picnic table before continuing their journey to Pensacola in Florida.

Half a Billion For Rural Areas

North Carolina's electric cooperatives are making possible commercial and industrial payrolls totaling nearly half a billion dollars in the rural areas they serve, State REA Chairman Gwyn B. Price said in a Co-op Month statement.

Price, who heads North Carolina's Rural Electrification Authority, said the total was based on an analysis of commercial and industrial loads served by the 32 North Carolina electric membership corporations which report to his state agency.

He said 25 of the 32 systems reported serving 320 commercial and industrial firms with power requirements of more than 50 kva demand. These 320 firms, he said, have 12,075 employees and payrolls totaling over \$53,645,000 a year.

All told, Price said, North Carolina electric cooperatives serve 410 "large" commercial and industrial concerns with loads of more than 50 kw demand. He said a projection of the payroll figures to include payrolls of all 410 commercial and industrial employers served by electric co-ops thus would total an estimated \$68,700,000 a year.

More than 10,000 other commercial and industrial firms, with 50 kw demand or less, also are served by North Carolina EMCs, Price estimated these 10,000-plus employers have payrolls totaling an additional \$416 million a year.

In addition, Price said, the electric cooperatives themselves have over 1,100 employees who are paid a total of more than \$6.5 million a year, bringing the overall total to more than \$480 million a year.

Price pointed out the total did not include figures for farms, farming operations and other employment-providing loads which the electric cooperatives serve, or for industries served by other suppliers which they have helped attract to their areas.

North Carolina's EMCs now have approximately 250,000 member-owners and approximately 47,000 miles of lines and, Price said, they have invested \$160 millions in their systems and facilities.

Pamlico-Beaufort's Holton Works as Community Builder

Across the Neuse River from historic New Bern and 11 miles east on NC 55 from Bridge-ton, a low and long modern brick building bearing the legend "Pamlico-Beaufort EMC" sits in a clearing against a backdrop of pines.

There, not far from the center of Grantsboro, C. M. Holton manages an industry which literally has electrified the outreaches of rural Pamlico County and parts of Beaufort and Craven counties.

As the operating executive of Pamlico-Beaufort Electric Membership Corporation, Carlos Holton is a leading cooperator in the area's efforts to improve its economy.

Holton is a white-haired, soft-spoken man of inherent modesty who became a cooperator after a long career as a businessman because he, a Pamlico native, felt a duty to serve his community and neighbors. He insists credit for the success of the cooperative should go to its directors and staff.

"The co-op has come along," he said, "because of the fine staff we have here, not because of me. We have wonderful personnel, both inside and out."

Although the area Pamlico-Beaufort serves is rural, less than half of its members are full-time farmers, and the number of farmers is continuing to decline. The majority of people on its lines either supplement farm income with other employment or work regularly in non-farm jobs. Many of them have jobs at the Cherry Point Marine Base.

"Cherry Point has been an economic stabilizer for this county and immediate area," Holton said. A number of Pamlico people go as far as the Camp Lejeune Marine base to work. Some work at the Dupont plant near Kinston. Quite a number are employed in the area's new phosphate mining industry in Beaufort County at Lee's Creek.

"We have had a new growth of employment because of the Texas Gulf Sulfur phosphate

Operations," he said. Texas Gulf has an \$85 million plant at Lee's Creek.

Holton said the phosphate complex, from clearing to manufacturing, had "come along in the past four years." The operations involve thousands of acres and provide employment for 750 people.

As in other sections, farming operations, while becoming fewer, are growing larger and more automated. Thus electric service is gaining increasing importance in farming efficiency.

"Electricity is definitely important," Holton said, "because of grain-drying facilities, watering and feeding and other operations." This is particularly so in dairying, and Pamlico-Beaufort has three dairies on its system.

The principal attraction of the area is its wealth of waters.

The Pamlico River, Bay River, Neuse River and their many creeks and tributaries are, Holton pointed out, significant factors in the economy.

"We have a good fishing operation in this area," he said. "A number of people derive their livelihoods from fishing... It's handed down from generation to generation. There's a wealth of seafood caught and processed."

And because of the waters, Pamlico-Beaufort's service area is an ideal recreation area for boating, bathing, water skiing, hunting, fishing and lodging.

"It's one of the best inland water recreation areas in the state," Holton said. Many people come to enjoy its pleasures, many former residents are returning to retire, and many inlanders and even out of state residents are coming in to build vacation homes.

Summer camps in the area served by Pamlico-Beaufort have long and widespread reputations. These include the YMCA's Camp Seagull for boys at Minnesott Beach and the YWCA's Camp Sea Farer for girls at the mouth of Beard's Creek. About 350 boys and 350 girls or more come each



Carlos McCiver Holton

summer for two-month vacations. In addition, the EMC serves the Methodist's Camp Don Lee, the Christian denomination's Camp Caroline and a Girl Scout camp in Pamlico County and is preparing to serve a 300-acre camp being built by the Boy Scouts of America in Beaufort County.

In addition to the camps and farms, homes and churches, Pamlico-Beaufort serves 139 commercial and industrial consumers, all of which contribute to the area's economy. Several of these concerns, particularly fish processing plants, are substantial operations. Counting seasonal workers, Pamlico-Beaufort's commercial and industrial members employ approximately 400 people.

Pamlico-Beaufort itself has 14 employees and a payroll of approximately \$65,000 a year.

Holton, in addition to helping build the area's economy as manager of Pamlico-Beaufort, keeps a finger on the local economic pulse as a member of the Technical Action Panel and as a director of the Bayboro branch of Wachovia Bank. Moreover, he maintains contracts with East Carolina University's regional development program so as to keep informed of industrial prospects.

He also serves on the board of directors of Pamlico Development Inc., recently formed to establish a garment plant at Bayboro.

One of the newest projects in the area is a \$241,000 recreation facility, the new Minnesott Golf and Country Club, now under construction not far from Camp Sea Gull. The club will have an 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, yacht basin, swimming pool and a club house which is expected to

have both electric heat and air conditioning. Pamlico-Beaufort is to serve the new facilities. A housing development is planned on adjoining land.

"We're hoping this will encourage development in this area, along the river," Holton said. "We think that along the river, all the way from New Bern to the waterway and to Beaufort County, there are great potentialities."

Pamlico-Beaufort Electric Membership Corporation was chartered Feb. 17, 1941, and began service July 27, 1942, with 29.1 miles of line serving 67 members. It now has 519 miles of lines serving 3,450 members in Beaufort, Craven and Pamlico counties.

Its present directors are: D. E. Lee, Arapahoe, president; Graham Lane, Ernul, vice president; L. M. Broome, Rt. 1, Aurora, secretary; C. E. Martin, Blounts Creek, treasurer; M. L. Day, Merritt; Linwood Clayton, Rt. 1, Aurora; G. J. Rice, Grantsboro; Mahue Potter, Lowland, and Clyde Murray, Arapahoe.

The cooperative has shown steady growth in power sales as well as memberships. The average use of electricity per consumer has climbed from 176 kwh a month at the end of 1957 to 308 kwh at the end of 1967.

Through sound financial housekeeping, the cooperative has increased member equity capital in its total plant investment from 9.9 percent at the end of 1957 to 18.9 percent at the end of 1967, assigned \$403,155.82 in margins as capital credits and retired \$88,527.93 in capital credits through payments to members and estates of deceased members. And it has repaid \$209,793 of the \$1,211,208 it has borrowed from REA over the years, plus \$372,050 in interest.

Carlos McCiver Holton was born July 22, 1908, the son of J. Walter and Maggie Scott Holton and raised as one of a family of 10 children on a Pamlico County farm which now is part of his property.

Holton has four living brothers—Merritt Holton and Ray Holton of Miami, Fla., Clay Holton of Huntsville, Ala., and Billie Holton of Grantsboro—and three living sisters—Mrs. W. C. Roberts of Grantsboro, Mrs. Mayhew Has-



kett of New Bern and Mrs. Charlie Johnson of RFD, Kinston.

Mrs. Holton is the former Jessie White of Sumter, S. C. They met while Holton was working in Sumter for S. H. Kress & Co., the merchantile chain with which he was associated over 20 years.

The Holtons have a daughter, Mrs. James Izard of Virginia Beach, Va., and a married son Walter. Walter, the father of their two grandchildren, now lives in Havelock.

A 1927 graduate of Alliance High School, Holton went with the S. H. Kress company in the fall of 1927 after deciding he couldn't, as one of 10 farm children, tax his father with the cost of going to college.

He started with Kress in Wilmington, educated himself through reading and by attending institutes and training courses conducted by the company. After rising through the ranks and working in a number of cities across the country, he capped his merchantile career as district manager for Kress stores in Oklahoma.

"I enjoyed it a lot," he recalled. "I suppose if I hadn't been so much a family man and so much a country boy, I would have stayed... We sold our home in Oklahoma City and moved here... I came back home by desire... We took that adventuresome step at that time of our lives because we thought we were doing the right thing. We've been very happy since. We love it down here."

The homecoming was in 1948. The Holtons had a new home built not far from the house where Holton had lived as a child and settled down on his farm.

Not many months after his return, Holton, who had pitched into community work, was elected as a director of Pamlico-Beaufort. On Jan. 1, 1964, after Donald Rice resigned to become manager of Cornelius EMC, he

was asked by the Board of Directors to succeed Rice as Pamlico-Beaufort's manager.

"I said I'd try," he said. "And here I am."

He likes the job because he likes people.

"I enjoy working with people," he said. "It's very rewarding to work among our own people... A lot of places along the byroads looked like they never would get electric service until REA came into being. And I suppose our miles of lines in all the areas we serve have done more to stabilize the economy than anything we could talk about."

As an illustration of what Pamlico-Beaufort has done to electrify its service area, Holton opened a large map showing Pamlico, Beaufort and part of Craven county. Before the co-op built its lines, the only electric service was down the main roads and highways. Now co-op lines run throughout the territory on the map, reaching to every portion in which people live.

"I don't know of anybody who wants service," Holton said, "who doesn't have service."

The Holtons are members of Amity Christian Church. Holton is an elder and a trustee. He is also a Master Mason and Shriner and a member of the Triangle Lions Club of Bayboro. He's been a Master Mason 27 years.

A community leader, he is secretary of the board of the Pamlico County Medical Center and chairman of the County Welfare Board. As a leading co-operator, he serves on the boards of directors of both Tarheel Electric Membership Association and North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation.

When you compare the present with the past, Holton said, you cannot escape the significance of the changes wrought through rural electrification.

What has happened in the Pamlico-Beaufort area, he said, is a prime example of what REA set out to do: the cooperative has brought light to the countryside and it is now lighting the way to a brighter future.

Carlos Holton refuses to take credit for that: but then Carlos Holton is a very modest person.

The New Turkey

*The Carolina
Homemaker*
Edited By Betty McBride

The turkey that appears on your table this Thanksgiving is as historical as

Plymouth Rock. Turkey as a year-round food source was used in America by Indians long before Columbus ever arrived. With the abundance of wild turkey, the early American colonists made it a very important part of their diet in the New World.

In fact if Ben Franklin had had his way, the turkey and not the bald eagle would appear on the Great Seal of the United States. Ben Franklin once wrote his daughter: "I wish the bald eagle had not been chosen as the representative of our country . . . the turkey is a much more respectable bird, and withal a true original native of America."

The wild, wiry turkey that had to fly to survive and took hours of cooking to make tender has been modernized. Today's turkey has 50 percent more meat but can't fly anywhere.

The most important thing about the turkey that is on the Thanksgiving table is that it should no longer be a once a year treat. Twenty years of scientific breeding, feeding and care make turkey now one of the homemaker's most dependable food items for serving tasty, nutritional meals at a reasonable cost.



Turkeys are available in every size from a 4-pound fryer to a pompous 38-pound roaster. They can be used not only as whole birds but quarter roasts, cut pieces for frying and barbecuing. Also on the market are convenient forms of turkey meat—frozen boneless turkey roasts, sliced turkey and frozen minute turkey steaks.

Turkey represents economy for your food budget. The turkey's transition from strictly a holiday meat to year-round use is the result of the modern refrigeration methods for handling, storage, and transportation. Turkey is now available in such abundance that it is a thrifty buy if you are cooking for two or twenty, or for hundreds.

The bigger the bird the better the buy, for there is a higher proportion of meat to bone weight on larger birds. Small birds, though, are best for frying, barbecuing and broiling. When buying turkeys under 12 pounds allow 3/4 to 1 pound per serving. This is ready-to-cook weight. When buying medium or heavy turkeys, over 12 pounds allow 1/2 to 3/4 pound per serving.

Turkey's most important role in the homemaker's meal planning is its nutritional value. The meat of roasted turkey as a whole, ranks higher in protein than any other cooked meats. In all comparisons, turkey breast meat ranks highest in protein.

The meat of the turkey is one of the very lowest of all meats in calories. It is rich in riboflavin and niacin. Turkey meat is lowest in cholesterol of all popular meats. Its fat content is the soft type that does not increase the blood cholesterol level.

Turkey meat has tremendous value for use in the home in special diets. Because of its low fat content, it is extremely valuable in meal planning for overweight people, for diabetics, and for heart patients. It is also valuable for use in high-protein diets.

After you have cooked the traditional roasted turkey on Thanksgiving, do not wait until another holiday to serve this meat to your family. Remember turkey's economical and nutritional value as well as delicious taste and start preparing turkey for your family often in many new ways.

Preparing the Bird

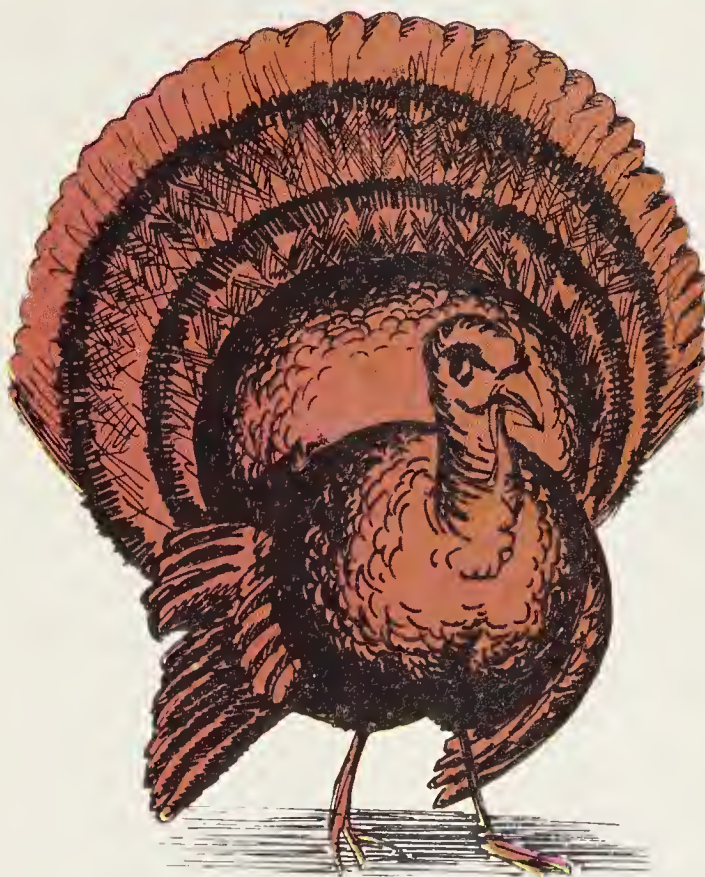


PAN FRYING TURKEY

Only turkeys from 4 to 9 pounds can be successfully pan fried. Cut small whole turkey into pieces to yield 2 drumsticks, 2 thighs, 4 breast pieces, 2 wings, 3 back pieces, neck and giblets. For each 5 pounds of cut-up turkey blend together $\frac{3}{4}$ cup flour, 1 teaspoon paprika, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon oregano, 2 teaspoons salt, and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon pepper in a bag. Shake turkey, 2 or 3 pieces at a time, in flour mixture in bag to coat evenly. Save any leftover flour for making gravy. Heat $\frac{1}{2}$ inch oil or fat in heavy skillet until drop of water sizzles. Start browning meat pieces first, slipping less meaty pieces in between as turkey browns. Turn as necessary to brown and cook evenly (about 20 minutes). When pieces are nicely browned, reduce heat, add 2 tablespoons water and cover tightly. Cook slowly for 45 to 60 minutes or until thickest pieces are fork tender. Turn pieces several times, if necessary, for even cooking and browning. Uncover pan last 10 minutes of frying to recrisp skin. Total cooking time is 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.

PREPARING TURKEY ROASTS

Among new turkey products that are very convenient are frozen boneless turkey rolls and boned and tied turkey roasts. They can be purchased either raw, precooked, or smoked, either white or dark meat, or in combinations of both. Leave raw roast in original bag and thaw in refrigerator for 1 to 2 days, or under running cold water. Remove bag and leave string in place while cooking. If roast is not preseasoned, rub lightly with salt and pepper. Place roast on rack in shallow baking pan. Brush entire roll with melted butter or margarine. Roast at 350°F until thermometer registers 170 to 175° according to timetable: 3 to 5 pounds—2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 5 to 7 pounds—2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours, 7 to 9 pounds—3 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours to 4 hours. (Add approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ hr. for cooking turkey roast from the frozen state.) Baste or brush oc-



asionally with melted butter or pan drippings—ly with melted butter or pan drippings—especially any dry areas. If roast becomes too brown during roasting, cover loosely with foil. Allow roast to stand 20 or 30 minutes before slicing.

BROILING TURKEY

Turkeys 4 to 6 pounds are suitable for broiling and may be split in half or cut into serving pieces. Place turkey halves or pieces in any shallow pan without rack. Turkey should fill the pan one layer deep without crowding or leaving any of the pan exposed. Arrange turkey pieces skin side down. Brush well with melted fat or oil. Season each bird with 2 teaspoons salt, 1 teaspoon sugar, a sprinkle of pepper and paprika. Place pan in preheated broiler about 9 inches from heat, regulating the distance of the heat so that surface of turkey just begins to brown after 20 minutes of cooking. Broil slowly until nicely browned, about 40 minutes. Turn turkey pieces. Baste with pan drippings, adding more fat if necessary. Continue broiling until turkey is brown, crisp, and well done—40 to 50 minutes longer. Baste with pan drippings or fat several times during broiling. To test for doneness, the drumstick twists easily in the thigh and breast meat is fork tender. Total cooking time is 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours. Divide halves into quarters for serving.

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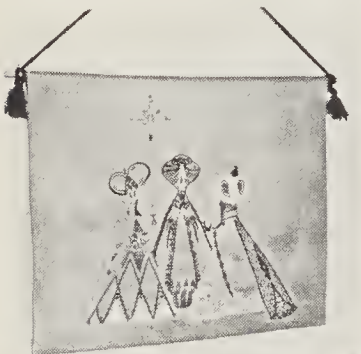
HOLIDAY TREE

Plant a tree in your Christmas garden made of green yarn pompons and artificial roses.



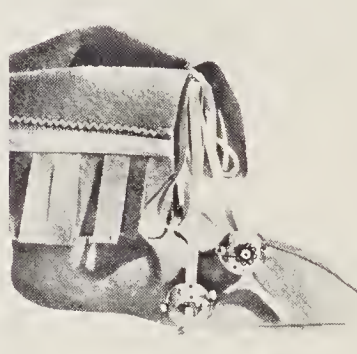
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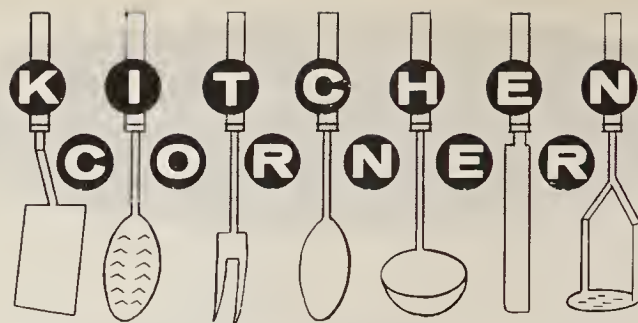
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An embroidered wall hanging to tell the Christmas story of the Three Wise Men.



BOOT-SLIPPERS

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CHOCOLATE YEAST CAKE

Man in the kitchen? You picture burnt toast and mile high dishes? Picture instead a delicious Chocolate Yeast Cake made by a young man who is quite a cook. Don't be surprised. Many baking contest winners at state fairs are men.

Kitchen Corner's young man whose hobby is cooking is Garland Toliver, a nineteen year old college student at Appalachian State University at Boone. Garland writes that he tries out quite a few of our Kitchen Corner recipes but "cooking is merely a hobby." He is majoring in Library Science at Applachian. Garland's mother is a member of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation.

Garland Toliver's Chocolate Yeast Cake is truly delicious and he suggests that you serve the cake with vanilla ice cream.

If you have a favorite recipe you'd like to share through this column, send it to: Betty McBride, Kitchen Corner, P.O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N.C. Tell us something about yourself and family and give us the name of your electric membership corporation. We pay \$2 for the recipe chosen monthly for this column.

CAROLINA FARMER RECIPE

Submitted by Mr. Garland Toliver, Route 1, Box 141-A, Todd, North Carolina.

CHOCOLATE YEAST CAKE

3/4 c. milk	3 eggs
2 packages yeast	6 oz. semi-sweet chocolate,
1/4 c. very warm water	melted
3 c. sifted flour (plain)	1 tsp. salt
1/2 c. (1 stick) margarine	1 tsp. baking soda
2 c. sugar	1 tsp. vanilla

Preheat oven to 350°F. about 15 minutes before baking.

Scald the milk, cool to lukewarm. In a small bowl sprinkle yeast in water and stir until dissolved. Add milk and 1 1/2 cups of the flour. Beat until smooth and set aside to rise about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cream margarine and sugar in a large bowl. Add eggs one at a time; beat well after each addition. Add chocolate, remainder of flour, soda, salt, and vanilla and beat well. Add yeast mixture and beat well.

Pour into a well-greased (not floured) 10-inch tube pan and let rise, covered, until light and bubbly, about 1 hour. Bake at 350°F. for about 50 minutes.

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News Briefs

SAFETY LEADER—Blue Ridge EMC, honored last March for having the outstanding safety record of any of the nation's 1000 electric co-ops, has received certification in the NRECA Safety Accreditation Program. Only 20 other electric co-ops in the U. S. have qualified, and Blue Ridge is the only one in the nine-state Region I to be accredited. Since August 1962, when its last lost-time accident occurred, until August 31, 1968, Blue Ridge had accumulated 1,635,111 manhours worked without a disabling injury.

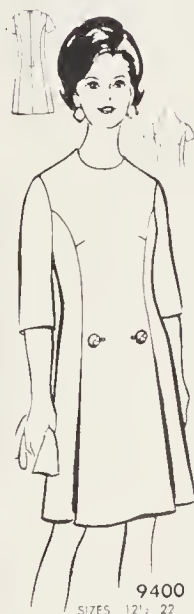
CO-OPS COMBINE—Burke-McDowell EMC and Rutherford EMC are moving to combine. The resulting system would be one of the largest in the state, with 18,000 members in nine counties: Burke, Caldwell, Gaston, Catawba, Cleveland, Lincoln, McDowell, Polk and Rutherford. General office of the combined EMC would be in Forest City, and there would be three operating districts—the Burke-McDowell district at Morganton, the Gaston-Lincoln District at Cherryville and the Rutherford-Polk District at Forest City. Board presidents of the two EMCs said the move would make for more efficient and economical service to their members-owners.

NEW MANAGER—Marvin O. Marshall, who had been stationed in Raleigh as U. S. REA operations field representative, has been named manager of South River EMC at Dunn. He succeeds the late R. R. Edwards.

TOWER-SERVER—Four County EMC of Burgaw will serve one of the tallest television towers in the world. The tower, built by WECT-TV, Channel 6, will rise 1,994 feet above the ground and will be about one and a half times as tall as the Empire State Building.

ELECTRIC HEAT HI-MARK—The Alleghany-Grayson Charge parsonage at Sparta became the 1000th electrically heated home on the Blue Ridge EMC system.

Fashion FAVORITES



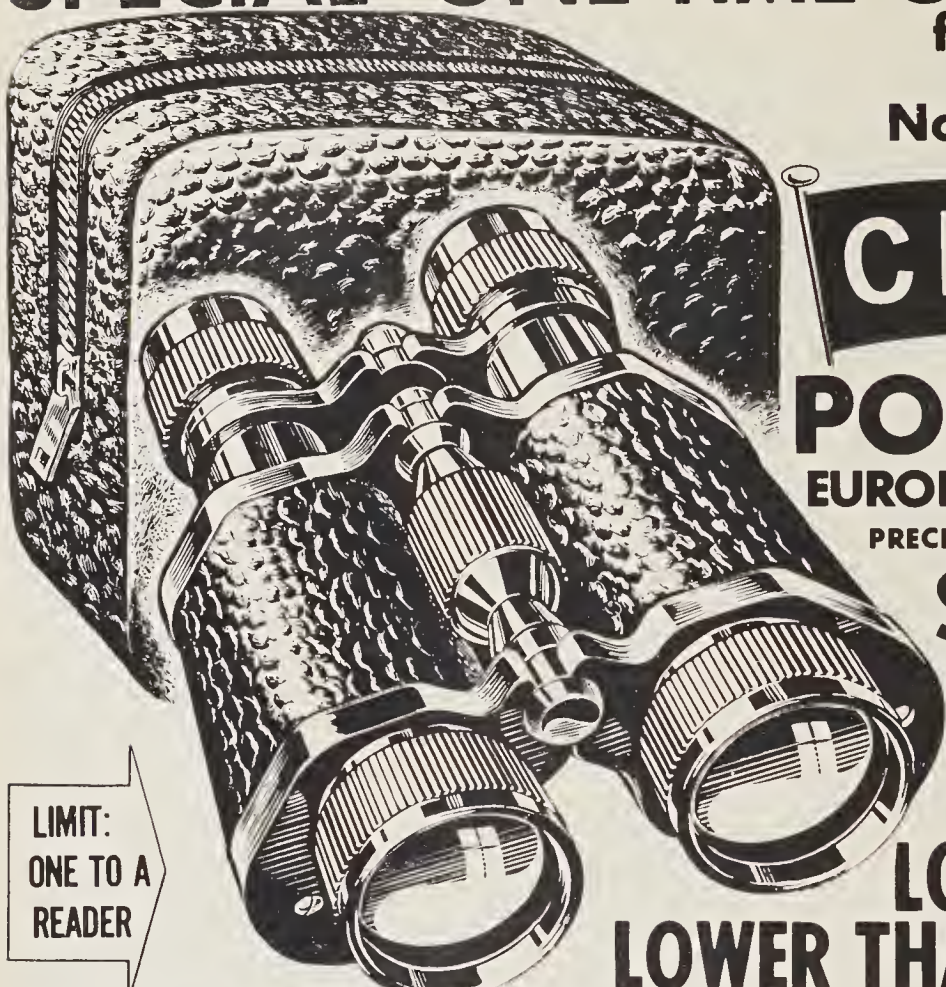
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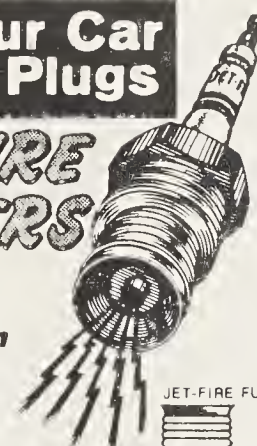
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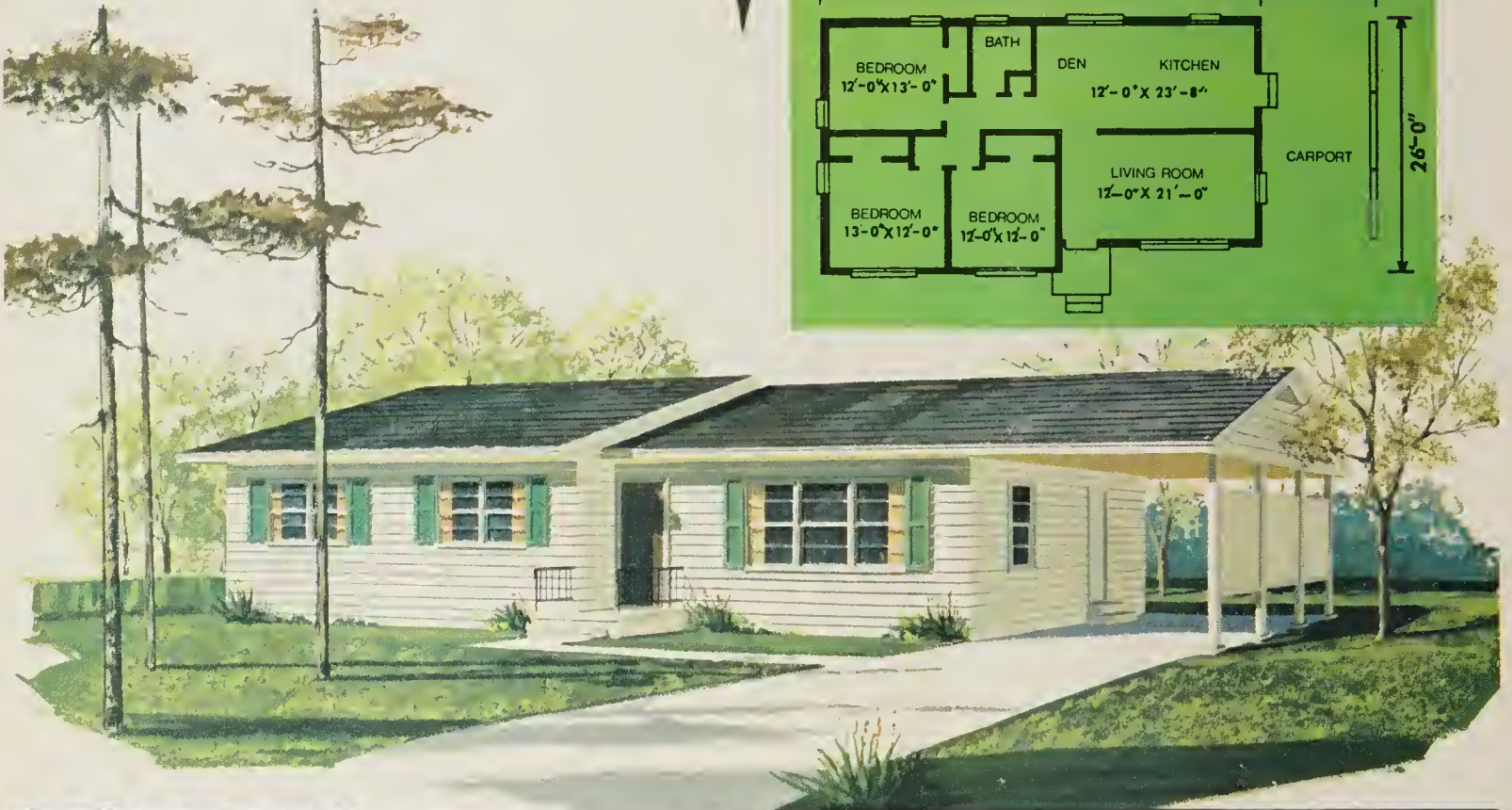
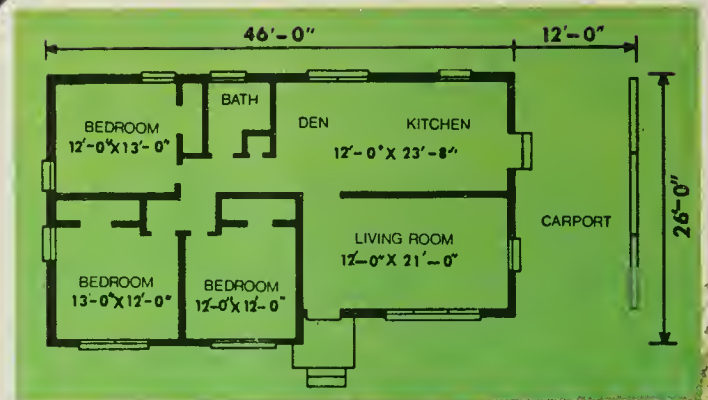
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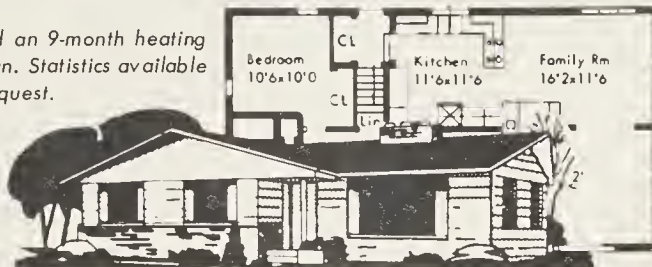
Ronald J. Knouse, manager of the Member and Community Services Department of Blue Ridge EMC, provided folk singing for the opening ceremony.

North Carolinians who exhibited their skills during the exhibition included: Mrs. Fairy Moody and Mrs. Ina Hagaham of Watauga County; Mrs. M. A. Perry of Corapeake; Vernon Owens of Seagrove for Jugtown Pottery; and Mrs. Hazel Bailey of Elizabeth City. Also invited to give demonstrations were Glen Hofecker of Etowah, William Crowe of Qualla Arts and Crafts Mutual, Cherokee, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bright of Rt. 4, Elizabeth City.

Other North Carolinians represented by displays included: Mrs. D. Ross Inglis, Mrs. L. H. Sawyer and Mrs. Ernest Smith of Albemarle Craftsman's Guild; Mrs. Anne S. Jones of Piedmont Craftsmen Inc., and Mrs. Estella C. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Presnell, Baxter Presnell and Herbert Volk of Southern Highland Handicrafts Guild. Blue Ridge Hearthside Crafts Association exhibited cornshuck crafts, toys, baskets and weaving.

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Delores Mitchell
Rt. 3, Box 382
Enfield

Delores is 17 years old and a junior at Inborden High School. Her hobby is collecting photos. Her parents are served by Halifax Electric Membership Corporation.

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"While many adults and teenagers are in favor of lowering the voting age, I am opposed to it. Most 18 year olds have just finished high school and have not lived on their own. Maybe they are well read in the principles of living in a democratic society but they haven't discovered these things for themselves. They have lived in communities where they have been sheltered from the responsibilities of adult life by parents and teachers. By the time they reach the age of twenty-one, they have met a greater variety of people and have learned more about living with others. They have accepted more responsibility through working and supporting themselves or attending college.

Wanda Rushing
Rt. 1
Indian Trail

Wanda is 16 years old and a junior at Sun Valley High School. She enjoys cheerleading, reading and water-skiing. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Rushing, are served by Union Electric Membership Corporation.

"I feel the voting age should be lowered to eighteen. The main reason is the most obvious and and talked about, the fact that boys can be drafted at age eighteen, yet they cannot vote for the man who sends them to fight. Today, eighteen year olds are receiving a better education, and are more capable of voting intelligently. Also, more teenagers today are taking part as workers in campaigns, yet they cannot vote. Eighteen year olds today are very aware and concerned about our country's future and deserve the right to vote.

Lisa Plyler
Rt. 2, Box 221
Gold Hill

Lisa is 14 years old and attends North Stanly High School. Her hobbies are drawing, painting and reading. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Plyler, are served by Union Electric Membership Corporation.

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"I don't believe that the voting age should be lowered to eighteen. At eighteen, most teens are just completing high school and haven't had any of the responsibilities of life. Their parents have taken care of them up to this point and they haven't had to accept any responsibilities that would affect state and national government. At this age teens need to live under our system of government before voting for the people who should lead it."

Arjonah Bullock
Rt. 1, Box 152
Halifax

Arjonah is 15 years old and a junior at Weldon High School. She enjoys singing, sewing and dancing. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jonah L. Bullock, are served by Roanoke Electric Membership Corporation.

Teen

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If you have a good answer, send it to **THE TEEN ROUNDTABLE**, The Caroline Farmer, P. O. Box 1699, Raleigh, N. C., at once. Tell us a few facts about yourself—your age, school, hobbies, etc. Include your parents' name, and the name of the electric membership corporation serving you. If your answer is published, we will send you \$5.

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"Oh, we received some pencils, all right," replied the irate deacon. "But you sent us golf pencils, each stamped with the words: 'Play Golf Next Sunday.'"

Watermelon Plot

The farmer could not catch the one who was stealing his watermelons, so he put up a sign in his patch: "One of these watermelons has been poisoned."

The next morning he noticed that another sign had been added: "Now two of them are poisoned."

Just One Part

"Did you know you've got a flat tire madam?" a pump attendant asked a woman motorist.

She got out to see for herself. "Oh dear," she said, "and it's the part on the ground that's gone down."

Vote Getters

Two acquaintances met outside a polling place during a recent election in the West and both started to talk about the list of candidates up for election. Finally they came to several men who were listed as candidates for the office of mayor.

"Ben," remarked one voter, "I don't want to vote for any of these men. Why, I don't know a one of them."

"I'm in the same spot, Bill," replied the other sadly, "I know all of them."



"Perfect—except your girdle is showing."

Little Windy

There was a long-winded speaker before the banquet group. His speech droned on and on, halted occasionally by a short pause when he stopped to drink a glass of water.

It was during one of these breaks that one tired diner turned and said loudly to another, "That's the first windmill I've ever seen run by water."

Juggling

Surprised at what she had just heard, a young girl said to her friend, "Do you mean to tell me that you are engaged to five boys at once?"

"Yes," her friend said, "and I can hardly wait until after Christmas to get things straightened out."

Get Out and Vote

The man worked hard for his candidate during the election and was very much surprised to find himself brought into court.

"What have I been arrested for?" he inquired.

"You are charged," said the judge, "with voting seven times."

"Charged!" exclaimed the defendant. "I thought I was getting paid!"

The Threat

An exasperated mother, after trying several times to get her daughter to hang up the phone and to clean up her room, finally got results by threatening, "Get moving now, or I'll let down all of your hems!"



"Where's the bird?"

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Pat Markas

Miss Markas, former executive director of the Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council graduated from Morganton High School in 1949 and holds a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and a master's degree in personnel administration from Chapel Hill.

Pat is a member of the Advisory Committee to the Governor's Commission on Children and Youth, and former member of the Board of Trustees of UNC, Greensboro.

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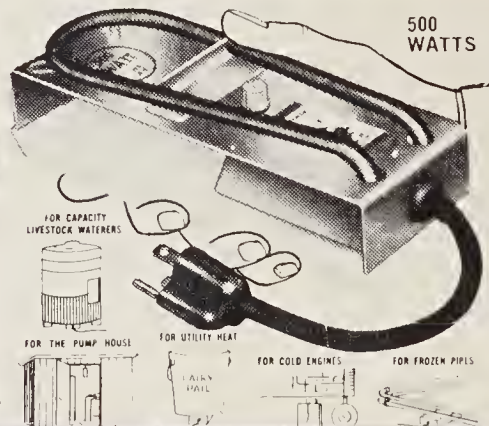
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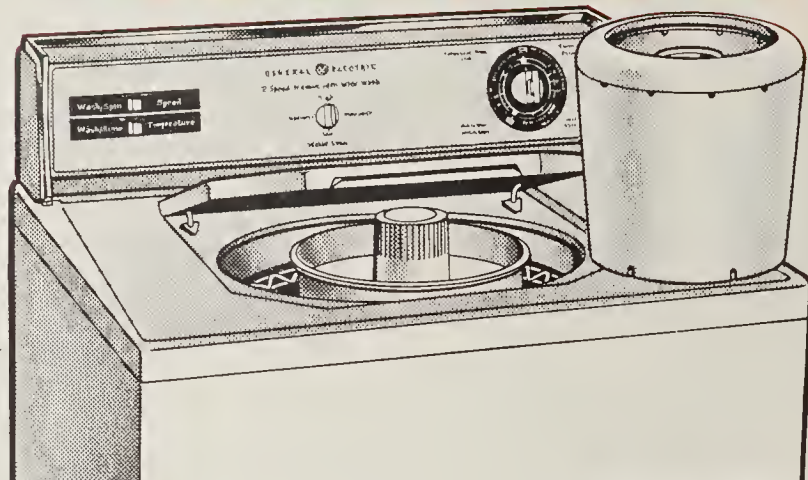
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